

Briefly Told

So many marriages have been contracted between French girls and Chinese Coolies brought to France during the war, that the French Government has issued a warning against it, on the ground that most of the Chinese are married.

Medicine Hat once wanted to change its name. Rudyard Kipling heard of it and wrote so pointed a letter that the town reconsidered.

High heels for women's shoes were first used ninety years ago.

A first prize Rhode Island rooster was sold to an Ontario farmer for \$200, or \$22.50 a pound.

Maeterlinck last summer paid his first visit to the gilded gambling palace at Monte Carlo and lost. "No matter," he said, "I will write an essay on gambling and that will recompense me." And he did.

A new and literary name, "decanterbury pilgrims," has been bestowed on those who seek illegal stimulants.

Paris holds her elections on Sunday.

Formerly a drunken Chinaman was a rare spectacle in any Chinese city. Now, thanks to the enterprise of American brewers and distillers whose business has been made illegal in their own country, Chinese drunkards are becoming familiar sights.

When asked how he felt when he heard that his men had captured Jerusalem, Gen. Allenby replied: "Oh, I guess I felt pretty much the same as you feel when you capture any other town."

Dr. Josiah Oldfield, England's "youngest" old man, 90 years of age, served as a colonel during the four years of the World War, and attributes his longevity to total abstinence from meats.

Michael Folkin, the Russian dancer, says that the "Shimmy" is a product of Bolshevism, and is not Russian.

There are 80,000 Chinese in the United States. In the early '80's there were more than twice that number engaged in railroad building.

The Australian Prime Minister took office directly across from a park where, a homeless, moneyless man, he once slept outdoors.

"The fifth horseman of the Apocalypse" is the name given by Blasco Ibanez to the social unrest that has followed the war.

To prove that butchers are profiteers a number of Chicago meat-cutters went on strike and opened independent markets. They cut all meat prices in two, selling porterhouse at 18 cents a pound, and still one shop made \$547 profit in one day.

During the President's journey through the West he began to complain of severe headaches. Once his suffering became so great that the train was stopped between stations to permit him to take an hour's walk along country roads and through the woods.

Admiral Jellicoe has arrived in Canada on his world tour to co-ordinate the naval defense of the British Empire.

Tattooing was decidedly popular among soldiers in London during the war. Thousands had the names of the battles in which they participated indelibly written on their arms.

Discoveries of coal in Iceland give promise of a new source of fuel for America.

The Soviets of Moscow have opened seven free children's theaters where such plays as "The Blue Bird" and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" are given.

Many London ladies' maids are learning to become chauffeurs to their mistresses, thus performing a double duty with increased pay.

A Canadian naturalist says that within a few years beaver will be practically exterminated.

War restrictions in London prohibiting the sale of candy after eight o'clock in the evening have not yet been cancelled.

The Hudson River may be deepened to allow ocean vessels to carry their cargoes as far as Troy, the eastern terminus of the new Erie canal.

Lady Nancy Astor, the American candidate for the British Parliament, favors confiscation of war profits, but opposes a capital assessment against wealth. This hits the war profiteers, but leaves the Astor wealth quite safe. Nancy is therefore not proposing for herself and titled husband the rôle of martyr.

During his illness, President Wilson has been lying in the bed on which Abraham Lincoln slept.

Aside from war losses, the population of France decreased nearly 400,000 in 1919.

Gen. Allenby, the great commander of the operations in Palestine, once took examinations for the Indian Civil Service and failed. He says he is now glad he did.

A careful observer reports that nationalism is quite dead in Eastern Europe. Classism, which is Bolshevism, has overrun all boundaries and national distinctions, so that the people of formerly antagonistic nations now all think and talk the same things.

Gifts of condensed milk for the children of Germany have begun to arrive in that country.

"The old idea of an empire consisting of a mother country surrounded by daughter states, is entirely obsolete, and has been left behind by the British Empire. Our Empire has taken a new and far grander form. It is now a single state composed of sister nations of different origins and different languages. The British nation is the largest of these nations, but the younger nations have grown up to be its equals."—The Prince of Wales.

M. Clemenceau: "The terrible catastrophe which was let loose on the world cannot be concluded simply by pages of writing which we shall sign and then go to sleep."

Herr Hencke, during debate in German National Assembly: "What I say is the truth. Armed farmers will one day rise against the towns. They are already wanting to cut off the milk supply. We ought to address an appeal to the Socialists of all countries. The British railway strike was a political strike, for every big economic strike today becomes political. The political mass strike is the only right method to capture political power."

Herr Heinz—(National party)—"Our party is striving after the establishment of the monarchy. When the nation again feels monarchist sentiments a personality also will be found to raise the Imperial throne."

The Co-operative Wholesale Society, of Manchester, England, has invested \$6,000,000 in farms and land for food production. A woolen mill has been started. So prosperous is the society that it sells some of its products below cost. It still had \$25,000 to spare for the people of devastated districts in France.

A combination oil motor and steam turbine power plant has been patented for ships by a Swiss engineer, permitting the vessel to use the cheapest fuel obtainable at the port it happens to be trading.

President Wilson, even as college president, was always a vigorous worker. He used himself up completely each day. In 1906 he had a nervous breakdown which necessitated an extended leave in Europe. Later he suffered neuritis in arms and legs, and had to seek restoration in Cuba.

"We think of coal as fuel, but a chemist would tell us that coal is a treasure-house of a thousand valuable things, and that to burn it was barbaric folly. We should extract from the coal the dyes, drugs and other valuable properties it contains and burn the residue as fuel."—Dr. C. W. Saleeby.

Nov. 1 and 2 have been officially designated by the French Government as memorial days for those who fell in the war.

"One of the central doctrines of Bolshevism is work; everyone up to the age of 60, or until invalided, is supposed to be occupied in work that is useful to the state. This is one of the reasons of the bitter hostility of those who under the former régime lived without work of any kind, oblivious of the fact that, if they lived, someone must be working to supply the means."—Manchester Guardian.

"Brains before birth," is a new slogan in the British diplomatic service.

"One hundred laying hens on each of Canada's 750,000 farms" is the new slogan. Profit is estimated at \$1 a hen.

Asbestos is mined in Quebec, Canada. Here eighty-five per cent of the world's supply is produced; it is also the finest quality and will easily withstand a temperature of 3,000 degrees F.

Viscount Jellicoe hints that the British fleet was far from ready for service when the war broke out. Speaking in British Columbia lately, he remarked, "We must see to it that our naval forces are never permitted to be as they were before the war."

No member of the new Ontario Coalition Government has ever before held portfolio.

The names of fifteen hundred German soldiers, who were charged with crime while in Belgium, have been forwarded to Paris by the Belgian Cabinet.

Chemists of the Agricultural Department have sanctioned a sugar substitute, which is obtained from barley. It is a malt sugar, and looks like maple sugar when in liquid.

The price of hops has increased despite prohibition. Production has fallen fifty per cent since 1915.

Since June, 1914, living expenses in England have increased 130 per cent.

Government permission to establish canning factories on Alaskan streams has resulted in a marked scarcity of salmon. Because of the factories the fish are unable to gain the upper reaches of the rivers, where they spawn. The Bishop of Alaska has made a special appeal on behalf of the Indians who are suffering, the salmon having been an important item of their daily diet.

In 30 years there have been 3,224 lynchings in the United States, 50 of the victims being colored women.

The present supply of war books at home and abroad far exceeds public interest in the subject.

"In a highly developed industrial country like the United States there need not be, and there should not be, a poverty problem," says John Spargo.

The potato yield in Colorado this year averages 110 bushels an acre, which is below normal.

Charles E. Chadsey, new superintendent of Chicago schools, says his first job will be to purge the pupils of radically un-American ideas.

Berlin students prevented Hindenburg from testifying before a Reichstag committee. The students surrounded the soldier's automobile and declared he should not be subjected to the indignity of an interrogation by a civilian body.

"In selling arms and ammunition to Mexico, hasn't Belgium forgotten something?"—Wall Street Journal.

Palestine at the present time contains 500,000 Mussulmans, 60,000 Christians and 60,000 Jews.

Since the armistice, the United States War Department has given away \$100,000,000 worth of medical supplies to the Red Cross in Europe.

The death cell of Edith Cavell will be made a national shrine in her memory. An appropriate bronze inscription will be placed on the prison. Her clothing, books and personal effects will be preserved in her cell.

The Ministry of Food for the United Kingdom forbids the stay of a visitor in a private house for longer than one month.

Congressman Nichols: "My thought is this: I will say to the gentleman, that this country should not allow the bodies of dead soldiers to be dumped on the docks of New York City, or anywhere else, unnoticed. We have received with joyous celebrations the living heroes of the war. I believe now that we should reverently and humbly honor our dead, for they, too, won the war." (Applause.)

Forty per cent of the pulpwood produced in Canada is imported by the United States.

A Japanese born in a foreign country is considered a subject of Nippon, if he does not renounce his allegiance to Japan before he is seventeen years of age.

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